

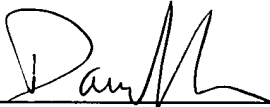
REMARKS

The claims have been amended to delete the multiple dependencies in Claims 16 and 17, so as to avoid the additional surcharge, and two new claims have been added.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees associated with this communication and during the pendency of the application under 37 CFR 1.16 and 37 CFR 1.17 or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501348.

Respectfully submitted,

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